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US Title: System and Method for Remotely Inventorying Multiplexing
Element Switching Fabric

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 22, 2005

To: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

Applicant respectfully request entry of the following amendment and remarks contained herein in response to the Office Action mailed November 22, 2005. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment and remarks contained herein place the instant application in condition for allowance.

In response to the Office action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.